Year	Number of loss making CPSEs	Losses in Rs. crore
2004-05	73	9003
2005-06	63	6845
2006-07	59	8223
TOTAL:		24071

The deails of the losses of these CPSEs are available in Public Enterprises Survey (Volume-I) of respective years.

(c) and (d) Government have constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004 to advise the Government on strengthening, modernizing, reviving, and restructuring of CPSEs. On the recommendations of BRPSE, Government have approved 28 cases for revival and restructuring of CPSEs involving a cash assistance of Rs. 1962.51 crore and a non-cash assistance of Rs. 6446.80 crore.

Production-sharing contract

567. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the production-sharing contracts signed by Government with the explorers during the last five years;

(b) in how many such cases, exploration has already commenced with their effective dates; and

(c) whether any such acreages had lucrative reserves to match the Government stakes by way of profit-share and revenue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Government of India has signed Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for 115 exploration blocks for oil and gas during last five years (2002—07) under New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP).

(b) Exploration activities have already started in 109 blocks out of 115 blocks where Petroleum Exploration License (PEL) have been granted during the last five years (2002—07).

(c) 36 oil and gas discoveries have been made during the last five years (2002—07) in New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) blocks. After commercial production Government gets share of profit petroleum as per PSC.

Gas pipeline network in Andhra Pradesh

568. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central Government to approve its proposal for sanctioning a State-wise Gas Pipelines Network;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) the reasons for delay in sanctioning it; and

(d) the time likely to be taken for clearance of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Krishna Godavari Gas Network Limited (KGGNL) has applied for grant of authorization for laying, building and operating common carrier natural gas pipelines in the State of Andhra Pradesh. It has been mentioned that gas would be sourced from KG basin fields of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation (GSPC). The policy adopted by the Government has been that authorization for laying, building and operating common carrier natural gas pipelines would be granted on the basis of gas sourcing tie-up with a producer, whose production profile is duly certified by Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH). As production profile from GSPC's fields has not been certified by the DGH, the Government had decided to consider the issue of authorization to KGGNL after it is done.

Government of India in the meanwhile has established the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) and the provisions of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 (except Section 16) have been made effective from 01.10.2007. The PNGRB shall, *inter alia*, issue authorization to entities to lay, build, operate and expand a pipeline as a common carrier or contract carrier in accordance with the provisions of the PNGRB Act, 2006. KGGNL's application has been forwarded to PNGRB for consideration.

LPG connections in Andhra Pradesh

569. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap in the demand and supply of LPG in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by Government to direct the PSU oil companies to release the LPG connections according to the demand of LPG in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors.

OMCs have further reported that they have supplied 8450 TMT (Thousand Metric Tonnes) and 680 TMT of domestic LPG in the country and in the State of Andhra Pradesh respectively during the period-April, 2007-January, 2008 as against 8030 TMT and 650 TMT respectively during the corresponding period of last year.

However, OMCs had reported backlog in LPG supplies in Certain States in the country due to reduction in supply of bulk LPG by Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) & Essar Oil Limited in January 2008, delay in movement of bulk LPG by rail from Jamnagar to the Northern Region, increased demand in the States due to severe cold which resulted in panic booking by the customers, strikes by contract labour, agitational activities, delays in berthing of vessels at Haldia Port due to reduced draft, bandhs etc. The State-wise details are available with the Directors (Marketing) of the concerned OMCs.

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